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THE following Letter comes from a Gentleman, who, I find, is very diligent in making his Obſervations, which I think too material not to be communicated to the Publick.

SIR,

'IN order to execute the Office of Love-'Caſuiſt to *Great Britain*, with which I 'take my ſelf to be inveſted by your Pa-'per of *September* 8. I ſhall make ſome 'further Obſervations upon the two Sexes in gene-'ral, beginning with that which always ought to 'have the upper Hand. After having obſerved 'with much Curioſity the Accompliſhments which 'are apt to captivate female Hearts, I find that 'there is no Perſon ſo irreſiſtable as one who is a 'Man of Importance, provided it be in Matters 'of no Conſequence. One who makes himſelf 'talked of, tho' it be for the particular Cock of 'his Hat, or for prating aloud in the Boxes at a 'Play, is in a fair way of being a Favourite. I 'have known a young Fellow make his Fortune by 'knocking down a Conſtable; and may venture 'to ſay, tho' it may ſeem a Paradox, that many 'a Fair One has died by a Duel in which both 'the Combatants have ſurvived.

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'About three Winters ago I took Notice of a 'young Lady at the Theatre, who conceived a 'Paſſion for a notorious Rake that headed a 'Party of Cat-calls; and am credibly inform-'ed, that the Emperor of the Mohocks mar-'ried a rich Widow within three Weeks after ha-'ving rendered himſelf formidable in the Cities 'of *London* and *Weſtminſter*. Scowring and break-'ing Windows have done frequent Execution up-'on the Sex; but there is no Sett of theſe Male 'Charmers who make their way more ſucceſsfully, 'than thoſe who have gained themſelves a Name 'for Intrigue, and have ruined the greateſt Num-'ber of Reputations. There is a ſtrange Curioſity 'in the female World to be acquainted with the 'dear Man who has been loved by others, and to 'know what it is that makes him ſo agreeable. 'His Reputation does more than half his Buſi-'neſs. Every one that is ambitious of being a 'Woman of Faſhion, looks out for Opportunities 'of being in his Company; ſo that, to uſe the 'old Proverb, When his Name is up he may lie 'a Bed.

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'I was very ſenſible of the great Advantage of being a Man of Importance upon theſe Occaſions on the Day of the King's Entry, when I was ſeated in a Balcony behind a Cluſter of very pretty Country Ladies, who had one of theſe ſhowy Gentlemen in the Midſt of them. The firſt Trick I caught him at, was bowing to ſeveral Perſons of Quality whom he did not know; nay, he had the Impudence to hem at a Blue Garter who had a finer Equipage than ordinary, and ſeemed a little concerned at the impertinent Huzzas of the Mob, that hindered his Friend from taking Notice of him. There was indeed one who pull'd off his Hat to him, and upon the Ladies asking who it was, he told them, it was a Foreign Miniſter that he had been very merry with the Night before; whereas in Truth, it was the City Common-Hunt.

'He was never at a Loſs when he was asked any Perſon's Name, tho' he ſeldom knew any one under a Peer. He found Dukes and Earls among the Aldermen, very good-natured Fellows among the Privy Counſellors, with two or three agreeable old Rakes among the Biſhops and Judges.

'In ſhort, I collected from his whole Diſcourſe, that he was acquainted with every Body, and knew no Body. At the ſame Time, I am miſtaken if he did not that Day make more Advances in the Affections of his Miſtreſs, who ſat near him, than he could have done in half a Year's Courtſhip.

'*Ovid* has finely touched this Method of making Love, which I ſhall here give my Reader in Mr. Dryden's Tranſlation.

Page the Eleventh.

Thus Love in Theatres did firſt improve,
And Theatres are ſtill the Scene of Love:
Nor ſhun the Chariots, and the Courſers Race;
The Circus is no inconvenient Place.
Nor Need is there of talking on the Hand,
Nor Nods, nor Signs, which Lovers underſtand;
But boldly next the Fair your Seat provide,
Cloſe as you can to hers, and Side by Side:
Pleas'd or unpleas'd, no Matter; crowding ſit;
For ſo the Laws of publick Shows permit.
Then find Occaſion to begin Diſcourſe,
Enquire whoſe Chariot this, and whoſe that Horſe;
To whatſoever Side ſhe is inclin'd,
Suit all your Inclinations to her Mind;
Like what ſhe likes, from thence your Court begin,
And whom ſhe favours, wiſh that he may win.

Again, Page the Sixteenth.

O when will come the Day, by Heaven deſign'd,
When thou, the beſt and faireſt of Mankind,
Drawn by white Horſes, ſhalt in Triumph ride,
With conquer'd Slaves attending on thy Side;
Slaves, that no longer can be ſafe in Flight;
O glorious Object! O ſurprizing Sight!
O Day of Publick Joy, too good to end in Night!
On ſuch a Day, if thou, and next to thee
Some Beauty ſits, the Spectacle to ſee;
If ſhe enquire the Names of conquer'd Kings,
Of Mountains, Rivers, and their hidden Springs;
Anſwer to all thou knoweſt; and, if Need be,
Of Things unknown ſeem to ſpeak knowingly:
This is Euphrates, *crown'd with Reeds; and there*
Flows the ſwift Tigris, *with his Sea-green Hair.*
Invent new Names of Things unknown before;
Call this Armenia; *that, the* Caſpian *Shore:*
Call this a Mede, *and that a* Parthian *Youth;*
Talk probably; no Matter for the Truth.

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